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**TO:** Washington State Board of Health Members

**FROM:** Don Sloma, Executive Director

**RE:** **DR. JEFF THOMPSON, MEDICAL DIRECTOR, MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES**

**Background and Summary**

The attached DSHS press release, published in April of this year announced Dr. Thompson's appointment as chief medical officer of the largest single health plan in the State of Washington --- the DSHS, Medical Assistance Administration. As the press release indicates, Dr. Thompson came to the position last spring with a very broad and deep set of experiences from military medicine, to private employer purchasing agencies and academia to occupational medicine.

Having had more than six month at DSHS now, Dr. Thompson is here today to share his vision on prudent public purchasing of medical care, particularly evidence based medicine. He is also here to hear state Board of Health member perspectives on medical policy within MAA and DSHS.

**Recommended Board Action**

None.